

Friday, October 15, 2021

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Vice-Chairperson: Daniel Martin

Via Google Hangout

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

In Attendance

Members of the Board

Vice Chairperson.....Dan Martin
Secretary.....E.J. Quinn
OT Member.....Caitlin Brogan
OT Member.....Rae-Ann Smith
OTA Member.....Sarah Quirk
Consumer Member.....Marylin Pierre

Staff

Executive Director.....Lauren Murray
Board Counsel.....Bethan Hagaa
Compliance Officer.....Denise Goetz

Guests

Policy Partners Representative.....Scott Tifflin
AOTA Representative.....Kristen Neville
Legislative Liaison.....Lillian Reese

Board Members Absent

Chairperson.....Wanda Banks

1. Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. Mr. Martin asked for approval of the October General Session Agenda. Ms. Smith made a motion. Ms. Pierre seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Mr. Martin asked for approval of the September General Session Minutes. Ms. Quirk made a motion. Ms. Smith seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Mr. Martin asked for approval of the ratification of 34 OTs and 18 OTAs from September's Executive Session. Ms. Quirk made a motion. Ms. Pierre seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'21

Staff: Lauren Murray

A. Board Email Addresses Update

- a. Ms. Murray reported that the Board members' Maryland.gov email address should now be working.
- b. All Board members are still unable to log in, so Ms. Murray will contact Ms. Lane.

B. Supervision of Temporary Licensees

- a. Ms. Murray has received several questions regarding the on-site supervision of temporary licensees and wondered if the Board thought that this should be altered during telehealth appointments.
- b. The Board believes that if all members are virtual then "on-site" could all be virtual.
- c. Ms. Hagaa referred to 10-101 Q which defines on-site supervision.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Caitlin Brogan, OT/R

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. Dry Needling Regulations

- i. Ms. Murray reported that the PT and Chiropractic Boards did not have any issues with the dry needling regulations draft.
- ii. The Acupuncture Board is concerned that the OTs do not receive training for dry needling during their college courses, but Ms. Murray pointed out that it is the responsibility of licensees to obtain the additional training outside of their college training.
 1. In addition, the Board received another email from an Acupuncture Board member who appeared to be hesitant to show concern for the training based on the AOTA standards.
 2. Ms. Neville said that the Commission of Practice statement is not enough to say if dry needling is appropriate for OT, and there may be an update next month.
 3. Mr. Martin noted that AOTA is not in charge of a state's scope of practice, and the entry level education for physical therapists also does not include dry needling education.
 4. Ms. Goetz noted that PAMs are not included in undergraduate training, and yet those are allowed.
- iii. Ms. Murray asked what the next steps would be to move forward with the regulations.
 1. Ms. Reese said that it would be difficult if the Board of Acupuncture (BOA) disagrees.
 2. Ms. Murray will respond to BOA.

b. COMAR 10.46.02.01

- i. This regulation has been submitted to the Division of State Documents. The anticipated publication date in the Maryland Register is October 22, 2021 with the comment period ending on November 22, 2021.

3. Continuing Education Committee –
Sarah Quirk, COTA/L
Rae-Ann Smith, OT/R
Staff: Denise Goetz
Nothing to report.
4. Secretary's Report
E.J. Quinn, Consumer Member, Secretary
Nothing to report.
5. Executive Committee--
Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L
Daniel Martin, Ph.D.
Staff: Lauren Murray

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Quirk made a motion to close the session. Mr. Quinn seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.